

**Commissioners Meeting  
March 18, 2014**

**Present: David Gogel, Al Logsdon, Mickey Toler, Chuck Painter, Tara Lloyd, Attorney Jeff Lindsey, Auditor Jane Lynam**

Meeting was called to order by President David Gogel at 1:15 P.M.

**Minutes**

Toler made a motion to approve the minutes from February 18<sup>th</sup>. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Toler made a motion to approve the minutes from March 4<sup>th</sup>. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Highway Report**

Painter said we discussed earlier, at our work session, about looking at equipment how do you want to handle that. Logsdon said he thought we should take action on the equipment request that we had earlier; do you have a priority you want us to consider, what do you want to do first? Painter said he would like to have the two single axle trucks early enough to get them ready for chip and seal; \$200,000 should get what we need right now.

Logsdon made a motion to ask for an appropriation of \$225,000 out of the State Road Relinquishment Fund for 2 tractors and 2 single axle trucks for the Highway Department. Toler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Painter then asked about going ahead and hiring 2 new employees. Gogel said it has been budgeted for, so go ahead and advertise per the policy in the personnel handbook.

**Engineer Report**

Lloyd passed out copies of the 2014 CEDIT Plan. She explained that if the Commissioners planned to move forward with this plan all the roads listed under new projects and the two roads under striping would have to be added to the CEDIT Plan.

Logsdon made a motion that all county roads listed under the heading new projects be added to the CEDIT Plan and be listed as CEDIT Roads for the improvements that are determined to be made on them for 2014. Toler seconded the motion, motion was granted.

Toler made a motion to add County Road 350 N and Base Road to the CEDIT Plan for striping. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Logsdon made a motion to approve the CEDIT Plan as listed for 2014 projects. Toler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Lloyd then passed out a five year projected plan and she is working on a ten year plan and expects to have that to them by tomorrow. Lloyd then explained that she is the ERC, Employee in Responsible Charge, person for Spencer County, since she is leaving there will be no one in this position, and you have to have someone in this position in order to get federal aid funding. She said the County needs to get a letter sent to INDOT to let them know that we are in the process of getting another ERC, but we will have a lull where we won't have anyone in that position, but will have someone at the class in October.

Lloyd then presented a list to each Commissioner with items that needed to be addressed.

1. She will forward the email to them from Daniel at DNR; he has narrowed down the list of trees.
2. Continue work on bridge inspections.
3. Make sure you advertise work being done on any road paving projects.
4. Will make sure the girls in the office know where the bonds are located in case they need them.
5. The roads that are going to be striped in the spring, someone will need to make a list for the stripers.
6. Need to find out if it is required for a licensed engineer to prepare plans and specifications for bidding jobs. Lindsey will do research on this.
7. Computer in the office is no longer working, but she has a new lap top that is fine for whatever needs to be done.
8. Cell Phone and Wi-Fi Hot Spot at \$80.00 per month, do you want it shut off and then if you hire someone have them turned back on. Commissioners said to have them turned off. The PSCI email address should remain open; just have it forwarded to Kay and Cindy at the Highway email address.

Logsdon said we all know that Patronville Road from old 231 to Boonville Boat Club is a CEDIT Road. Earlier this morning we each recommended the possibility of designating portions of three Roads from each district so they could be improved with CEDIT funds, how do you put that on a



10 year plan, you don't put 300 S anymore you put 300 S from such and such to such and such. Lloyd said what you will see on the ones that are temporarily added will have temp next to it such as CR 1450N from 600 E to 475 E. In 2010 we did an HMA base on it and in 2011 we went back and did a chip and seal surface, because they are temporary I haven't put any future on it. You may or may not go back and remove them from the CEDIT plan.

#### **Melissa Brockman-Tourism Commission-2013 Annual Report**

Brockman explained that most of the information she presented was what we went over before, you just have the full year's figures now in front of you. The Council did agree to raise the Innkeepers Tax from 4% to 5% beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. This information is just to keep you informed of what is going on.

#### **New Business**

##### **Gay Ann Harney**

Harney wanted the Commissioners to now that she needed a new filing system, it would be a three tab system like she currently has. She has three estimates on the system. Because of the weight that will be added, Ralph Pund with Universal Design will do the engineering study.

If the study finds no problem she would like to go ahead with the middle estimate out of the three she received. Estimates she has are \$20,970 which is exactly like the system she now has, \$25,000 and \$15,840. She isn't asking for any money she will take it from the Clerk's Perpetuation Fund and part of the Clerk's IV-D Funds.

Gogel said just make sure the engineer clears it for the extra weight. Toler said to have him give us the maximum loading so we don't have to go through this again. There was much discussion about what to do for storage in the future for the courthouse. Harney then asked what to do with the case that she will be replacing. Lindsey said it would have to be declared surplus first and then she can find out what it is worth and go from there.

Harney then asked about using the Courthouse on September 20<sup>th</sup> for the Civil War Ball for the Friends of the Lincoln Pioneer Village.

Logsdon made a motion to approve the request to use the Courthouse for the Civil War Ball.

Toler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

#### **Legal Report**

Lindsey said he was still working on the 911 dispatch situation and will have a report by the next meeting. Gogel asked Lindsey to check into the IDACS coordinator also.

#### **New Business**

Logsdon asked who would make the decision on who would use the space the Extension Office is getting ready to vacate. Toler said the Commissioners were the ones that would make that decision.

#### **Appointment for Solid Waste Board**

Gogel explained that Kim Litkenhus, Town Clerk of Chrisney, had agreed to take the position on the Solid Waste Board. Toler made a motion to appoint Kim Litkenhus to the Solid Waste Board.

Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

#### **Resignation**

Commissioner Toler turned in his letter of resignation effective March 18<sup>th</sup>. He said it had been a pleasure to serve and regretted having to resign, but he needed to re-enter the private sector with his company Sceptre Mechanical. Logsdon and Gogel both said they hated to see him go because he was a real asset to the County. Logsdon said this would be a real loss to the County, but wished Toler the best.

#### **Ken Schaaf-Conflict of Interest**

Logsdon made a motion to approve the conflict of interest. Toler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

#### **Jessica Richardson-Director of Child Services**

Richardson has requested permission to hold their candle light vigil on the Courthouse Lawn on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 Central time. This year they want to place pinwheels on the front lawn and leave them for the month of April because April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Logsdon made a motion to approve the request for the use of the Courthouse lawn on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Toler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

#### **Mowing Bids**

Mowing bids need to be advertised so the Commissioners can open bids on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M.

#### **Potential Problem**

Logsdon said north of Chrisney on old 231 where the drainage ditch runs parallel to the highway until it gets right in front of county road 950 N where that road turns and makes a sharp turn to the east; it is eating out the shoulder next to 231 and that is going to erode and the road is going to fall in if something's not done.

He asked Painter how soon could we have your common sense approach to fixing it and find out if it will work or do we need to have something engineered to fix it? If we wait very long we are going to have a real problem. Painter said we can fix it, put rip rap in there and see if that will slow it down, if not we will have to do something else.; that is part of the drainage problem I wanted to talk to INDOT about.

Lloyd said she would send another email to Rusty Fowler. Logsdon said to see if he would meet Chuck there sometime this week and look at that because that's part of what we expect to be fixed; otherwise we are going to spend thousands of dollars trying to remedy that situation.

Toler made a motion to adjourn. Logsdon seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

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President

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Auditor, Jane Lynam